

ALTHOUGH it is midwinter the Cubans appear to be making it summer-time for the Spaniards.

ANOTHER bond issue of \$100,000,000. What a glorious thing is this Administration's financial policy!

WITH Jeff. Storts in the penitentiary, the local columns of the St. Louis papers are shorn of many a startling incident.

THE plant of the Puxico Index was destroyed by fire on Christmas morning at 2 o'clock. There was no insurance, and nothing was saved.

THE *Pleid* is the name of a college paper published by the students at Carleton Institute, Farmington. It is a new venture and has our best wishes.

OUR own George Graham Vest was heard from again last Tuesday. He made John Sherman and the Supreme Court his chief objects of attack—and two more vulnerable points of assault he could not have chosen. We hope to present a summary of his speech to our readers next week.

AGE cools not the blood of some editors. The Salem *Monitor* man wants to lick the stuff—all charges prepaid—out of the man who merely threw a stick of stove-wood through his office window. The editor was absent at the time of the occurrence, but promises to be "at home" to the festive roysterer, and to "paint him a lurid purple so his folks won't know him."

In addition to the Monroe Doctrine, which is an accepted principle in the political creed of every true American, the demands of justice in behalf of a weak republic in this country as against the unjust demands of a powerful monarchy of Europe cry aloud for the sympathy and intervention of the chief republic of this continent. The great principle of human rights, as well as the law of self-preservation (the Monroe Doctrine), appeals to every true man and patriot.

WE see the New York *Sun* denounces Senator Mills of Texas as being a silver crank. This is unkind and ungrateful. Senator Mills has been walking in the golden path and worshipping the golden calf from the time he went to Ohio and helped to pull Jim Campbell from the platform his party had made for him, until, like Baalam's ass, he met the avenging angel in the way—the aroused sentiment of his state—when he dare not go further, no matter how much his present masters may thwack his ribs.

In the Fredericktown *News* of last week we find the following item:

The building committee of Marvin college met last Thursday night. The committee have under consideration the finishing of the second story of the building, provided the delinquent subscribers will pay up.

This is instructive, since it shows that "a guaranteed subscription" is good only upon the contingency that the subscribers pay up. Comfortable for the guarantors, indeed; but the wintry winds whistle shrill through the unfinished halls of Marvin College Institute!

WITH Germany enforcing the Monroe Doctrine in South Africa; with the United States enforcing the Monroe Doctrine in South America; with Turkey telling him to go to the devil, she will kill as many of the Armenians as she likes; with Russia reaching for India, and Japan hogging his trade in the East; with France watching a chance to recover Egypt, and Belgium stealing his gun trade—Mr. Bull is having the most uncomfortable time he has experienced in this century. The Rothschilds may have to let him go to war in their own defense, even with the results of the Boer war before their eyes.

THE editor of this paper acknowledges with pride the receipt of the following:

VAN BUREN, Mo., Dec. 24, 1895.
To E. D. Ake, the *Preceptor* of *South-east Missouri Journalism*.—Accept the wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New-Year, from one who has, for a decade, been your interested pupil.
Yours, TOM ALLEN.
Ed. Current Local.

The compliment conveyed—deserved or undeserved, cuts no figure—is grateful to the recipient, and he hastens to make due acknowledgement. Journalism in Southeast Missouri has made such strides during the past decade, that it is a matter of self-satisfaction to be held accessory to its advancement.

THE "campaign of education" has been turned into a campaign of suppression. The New York Central and other railroads, it is said, refuse to permit "Coin's Financial School" to be sold upon their trains. The news companies controlled by the National Banks refuse to handle Coin's publications, and reply to customers that his works are "out of print"—which is untrue. The Sound Money Club declines to place the Hor-Harvey debate, where the whole financial field was fought over by the ablest men each

side could put forward. There seems to be a united effort on the part of the goldites to entirely prevent the question of finance from being discussed. This course will not avail, for it is a confession of defeat. After awhile perhaps silver literature will be denied the mails under a plea for public morality.

A PRINCIPLE for the guidance of all students of political geography: Wherever on the map of any young or weak republic, anywhere on the face of the face of the earth, you find this indication,

"GOLD!"

there, also, is England.—N. Y. *Sun*.

A principle for the guidance of all students of modern financial policy: Wherever you find written on the financial hand-book of a republic, strong or weak, young or old,

"GOLD ONLY!"

there, also, is England. She usurps not only the territory of all the world when she can, but she dictates the financial policies of all nations, when she can. And America's greatest Republic bows in humble submission to her dictation—with the *Sun* her hearty second.

THERE is no excuse nowadays for a citizen failing to subscribe for a great metropolitan newspaper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "Twice-a-Week" *Republic* of St. Louis, which is credited with the largest circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, and for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 papers a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns this year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" *Republic* will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities. The Daily and Sunday *Republic* can now be had by mail for a little more than cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year, when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value twofold by adding many valuable features.

THE State Treasurer last Saturday filed with Gov. Stone his report of the transactions of the treasury department for the year 1895. The report shows a healthy financial condition of the State, reflecting credit upon the entire State administration. From it the following interesting facts are taken: Balance on hand January 1, 1895, \$719,725.43; receipts in 1895, \$3,761,869.29. Total, \$4,481,594.72. The disbursements during 1895 were \$4,147,580.57, leaving a balance at the close of business December 31, 1895, of \$334,014.15. During the year the receipts into the revenue fund were \$2,447,104.42; the receipts into the interest fund were \$745,839.83; receipts into the insurance department fund were \$28,936.69; receipts from the Missouri penitentiary were \$173,767.30. The State 6 per cent. debt was reduced during 1895 \$527,000; in a word, the State treasurer paid off \$277,000 more of bonds than was required by the constitution, with money which accumulated in the sinking fund. On January, 1896, \$55,000 additional 6 per cent. bonds were redeemed by the State. The bonded debt of the State is now but \$5,434,000, of which sum only \$348,000 draw 6 per cent., the remaining debt bearing 3½ per cent. During the year 66 per cent. of the entire appropriations made by the last Legislature for two years were paid out of the State treasury. During 1896 \$337,000 of the 6 per cent. bonds of the State fall due, and will be promptly taken in and cancelled.

As to Missouri's Senators.

Twenty-four members of the United States Senate have fallen under the high displeasure of the New York *Sun*, for advocating the Free Coinage of Silver in opposition to the views of the magnates of Wall Street. It accuses them of insincerity, or worse, and claims that when on that thoroughfare they talk Free Coinage with their tongues in their cheeks. It proposes, if they do not get out of the way of the Street in the Senate, to expose their goldbug designs to their constituents, to their everlasting undoing. These men are accused of betraying their constituents and flying in the face of public opinion in their respective States. Among the fated twenty-four we find the names of George Graham Vest and Francis Marion Cockrell. The *Sun* contends they are not in accord with their constituents, because the boards of trade of St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Jo, and other cities of Missouri, have declared against the position they have assumed upon finance. Possibly the *Sun* is laboring under the hallucination that no one is allowed to vote in the West except members of boards of trade, and other organizations of a similar character; that the great mass of yokels and mechanics have no more to do with politics than the weather-cock on the church steeple. In the State of New York the artisan and agriculturist may be allowed to vote only on condition they record the will of Wall Street,

and that they sanction no measure that would tend to injure English interests. This no doubt is the case in other States at the Northeast, but, unfortunately, it is not so among the barbarians of the West: each one is so unreasonable as to insist upon his ballot representing his own views. In this uncivilized region a candidate for the Senate cannot fix the boards of trade of his State and calmly go back to Washington with the comfortable assurance that he has made his calling and election sure. He has to reckon with the plain, common people, and please them fairly well, before he can feel entirely secure. This is a very provoking and undignified business, but it will have to be endured until suffrage is restricted to boards of trade.

But what the people of this State are anxious to know is, the nature of the goldbug designs their Senators are accused of. They have been waiting patiently for the promised exposure that was to appear in the *Sun*, but have seen nothing of it as yet. Perhaps it is a scheme on the part of that paper to increase its circulation in this State.

We see these Senators are charged with frequenting Wall Street. We take it that Wall Street is a public highway, and that any American citizen has the right to pass through it if he finds the scenery to his mind and the temperature cheering. If the *Sun* means that our Senators have been taking a shy at the Stock Market, we'll bet dollars to dewberries that they came out ahead. We'll back old Missouri against the earth! Their constituents would rejoice to see their Senators break the Street and bring the proceeds home with them. That would only be turning the cow the other way; but the moment they, by their votes, betray their people, they will hear something drop. Meantime they may talk free coinage with their tongues in any position they may choose; that is their affair.

The Boer War.

The Boers of South Africa leave the sympathy of every lover of liberty in their struggle against British aggression. In 1806 Cape Colony, a Dutch settlement at the Southern extremity of the African continent, passed under English rule. For a time the English lived peaceably with the Dutch settlers. Eventually, however, friction grew out of attempted interference on the part of the English with the domestic economy of their Dutch neighbors, which determined them to trek or move to the north. So they left their farms and improvements and moved to the north, in order to enjoy the freedom they coveted; where they could live under their own laws amidst their flocks and herds, like Abraham of old. They were a deeply religious people, and in this and their love of personal freedom, they resembled the Puritans of this country. At the end of their first pilgrimage they founded the Republic of Natal. Here in a few years they were overtaken by the English and their country placed under the British flag, on the ground that they were British subjects and owed allegiance to the British crown, wherever they might go. They again trekked to the northeast where they founded the Orange Free State, only to be again followed by the English, and have their government overthrown. Then they moved to the north again, beyond the Vaal river. Here also the English followed them, and, having fled over a thousand miles from English rule, they resolved to flee no farther. On December the 13th, 1880, they assembled in mass convention at Heidelberg and took measures, to resist further encroachments by the English. When the Boers went to the town of Potchefstroom to get their proclamation printed, corresponding to our declaration of independence, the first conflict took place and the Boers won their first victory. Col. Anstruther, with about two hundred and fifty men, was met by a force of Boers at Bronkhorst Spruit, under Paul De Boer, who told him that a further advance would be regarded by them as an act of war. Anstruther replied that he had been ordered to go to Pretoria, and that he intended to do so. Each commander rode back to his men, and the fight began. Within ten minutes from the time the action commenced forty of Anstruther's men were killed, eighty wounded, and every officer in the command either killed or wounded. Anstruther, badly wounded himself, gave up the fight and surrendered. At Lang's Nek, Ingogo, and Majuba Hill, the English suffered overwhelming defeat, not being able to inflict any punishment of moment upon their sturdy opponents. Being a race of hunters and accustomed to the use of the gun from childhood, the Boers made every shot tell. They as coolly and surely picked off their enemies as did our forefathers at Concord and Bunker Hill.

When the South African gold fields were discovered there was a great influx of immigrants. The tide soon reached the Transvaal and flowed into Boer territory. They refused to admit these new-comers to citizenship, on the ground that doing so would virtually establish English supremacy, as the South African Chartered Company—a company organized on the lines

of the East India Company—would send enough Englishmen into the country to control its policy, and on the ground that immigrants were not wanted, as the Boers wished to live their own life in their way. The South African Company finally concluded to conquer the country by sending a force into Boer territory, which, with the assistance of the English already there, would accomplish that purpose; but, instead of conquering the Boers, the whole English force was captured in the first battle, and the conspirators in Boer territory did not get a chance to strike a blow. The Boers lost three or four men and Jamison's forces nearly one-fifth of their number. It seems good marksmanship counts for as much in modern warfare, with modern weapons, as it ever did.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal., was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by all dealers.

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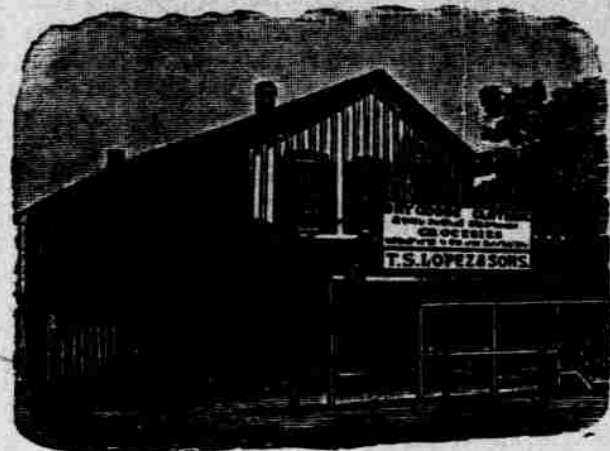
Taken up by Wm. H. Johnson and posted before J. H. Johnson, a Justice of the Peace in Union township of Iron county, on the 26th day of December in the year 1895, the following described property: One Roan Mare, pony built; about 11 or 12 years old; thirteen and a half hands high; white spot in forehead; small bell on; brand on left hind leg. Appraisers could not make it out; no saddle or harness marks perceivable. Was appraised at \$15 by James Chilton, P. M. Maddock and James Lewis, appraisers.
Wm. H. JOHNSON.
This 26th day of December, 1895.

STRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by John D. Lowe and posted before J. H. Johnson, a Justice of the Peace in Union township of Iron county, on the 26th day of December in the year of 1895, the following described property: One Dark Iron-Gray Horse, about four years old in the spring; about fifteen hands high, and also one white spot in forehead; no saddle or harness marks or brands perceivable. Was appraised at thirty-five dollars by James Chilton, P. M. Maddock and James Lewis, appraisers.
Dec. 26, 1895. JOHN D. LOWE.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Mary Sinclair, deceased, that the undersigned administrator of said estate, intends to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron county, to be held at the courthouse in Ironton, Iron county, Mo., on the second Monday in February next—same being the 10th day of February, 1896.
S. G. SHULAH,
Administrator.



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